Policies and Procedures for Proper Use of Non-DoD Contract Vehicles

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Proper Use of Non-DoD Contract Vehicles

DoD spends billions of dollars through non-DoD contract

vehicles. This includes:

- Orders issued under these vehicles by DoD personnel
- Orders issued by non-DoD federal entities on DoD's behalf, using DoD funds

Examples:

- GSA Schedules
- Government-wide Acquisition Contracts

Recent Inspector General reviews have found that non-DoD contract vehicles are not always properly used

DFARS Interim Rule & New Policies

- DFARs Interim Rule 2002-D024 (Issued 1 October 2003)
  - Applicable to acquisition of services
  - Review process and procedures established by each agency or department

- Establishing New Policies
  - Applicable to acquisition of both services and supplies
  - Applies above the simplified acquisition threshold ($100,000)
  - Provide DoD unique terms and conditions to assisting agencies
  - Agencies and departments must establish a pre-award review process/procedures to ensure that using non-DoD vehicles are in the best interest of the Department of Defense
  - Develop post-award review processes/procedures to analyze data on non-DoD contract vehicle usage

Pre/Post Award Review Procedures

- Pre-Award Review Processes/Procedures
  - Procedures should include consultation with DoD Contracting Officers and Financial Managers, and take into consideration the following:
    - Does this meet the customer's needs – quality, delivery, price
    - Whether the requirements are within scope of the intended vehicle
    - Cost effectiveness (including fees and discounts)
    - Schedule
    - Contract administration
    - Unavailability of a DoD contract vehicle

- Post-Award Review Processes/Procedures
  - Coordinate with assisting agencies to analyze data on the number and value of transactions using non-DoD vehicles, as well as measuring the proper use and effectiveness of these vehicles

What “Get It Right” Means to You

What "Get It Right" Means To...

DoD Contracting Officers

- Before using non-DoD vehicles, determine whether this option is in the best interest of the Department of Defense. In order to do so, take into account the following:
  - Does this meet the customer's needs—quality, delivery, price
  - Whether the requirements are within scope of the intended vehicle/schedule
  - Cost effectiveness (including fees and discounts)
  - Schedule
  - Contract administration
  - Consideration of small businesses (review for bundling)
  - Unavailability of a contract vehicle within the Dept

What "Get It Right" Means To....

Program Managers

- Ensure bona fide need and define requirements accurately and completely
- Orders/Contracts for services >$100,000 must be performance based
- In collaboration with Contracting Officer, perform market research, i.e. identify multiple potential sources
- Before sending funds or requirements to a non-DoD agency for acquisition purposes, take into consideration the following:
    - Whether the requirements are within scope of the intended vehicle
      (e.g. use designated schedules for IT, not for the buildings that house IT)
    - Schedule
    - Cost effectiveness (including fees and discounts)
    - Non-DoD entities are to perform a severable function for a contract, not with the appropriated funding being used
    - Availability of DoD contracting sources *

* Most importantly, this requires adequate acquisition planning. Non-DoD entities are subject to the poor planning, inherent in the appropriated funding being used conditions of Economy Act orders.

What "Get It Right" Means To...

Finance Managers

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Assisting Agencies

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erly code data in FPDS-NG (capturing data on which agency the purch
e for) and provide reports/data to requiring organizations for analysis

What "Get It Right" Means To...

Contractors

If task or item ordered is outside the scope of the contract, the Contractor has responsibility to notify the Government

Educate workforce (including business developmen marketing, and sales force)